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INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS VISA BETWEEN INDIA & PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have signed a new business Visa agreement that is likely to address the problems faced by the entrepreneurs travelling between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the broad features of the agreement and the time by which the agreement is likely to come into effect ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) In October 2005, the Government of India had proposed to the Government of Pakistan that the existing visa agreement be revised and had also handed over the draft of a revised visa agreement.

(c) The draft agreement proposes liberalisation in issue of different categories of visas including business visas. The matter is being discussed with the Government of Pakistan